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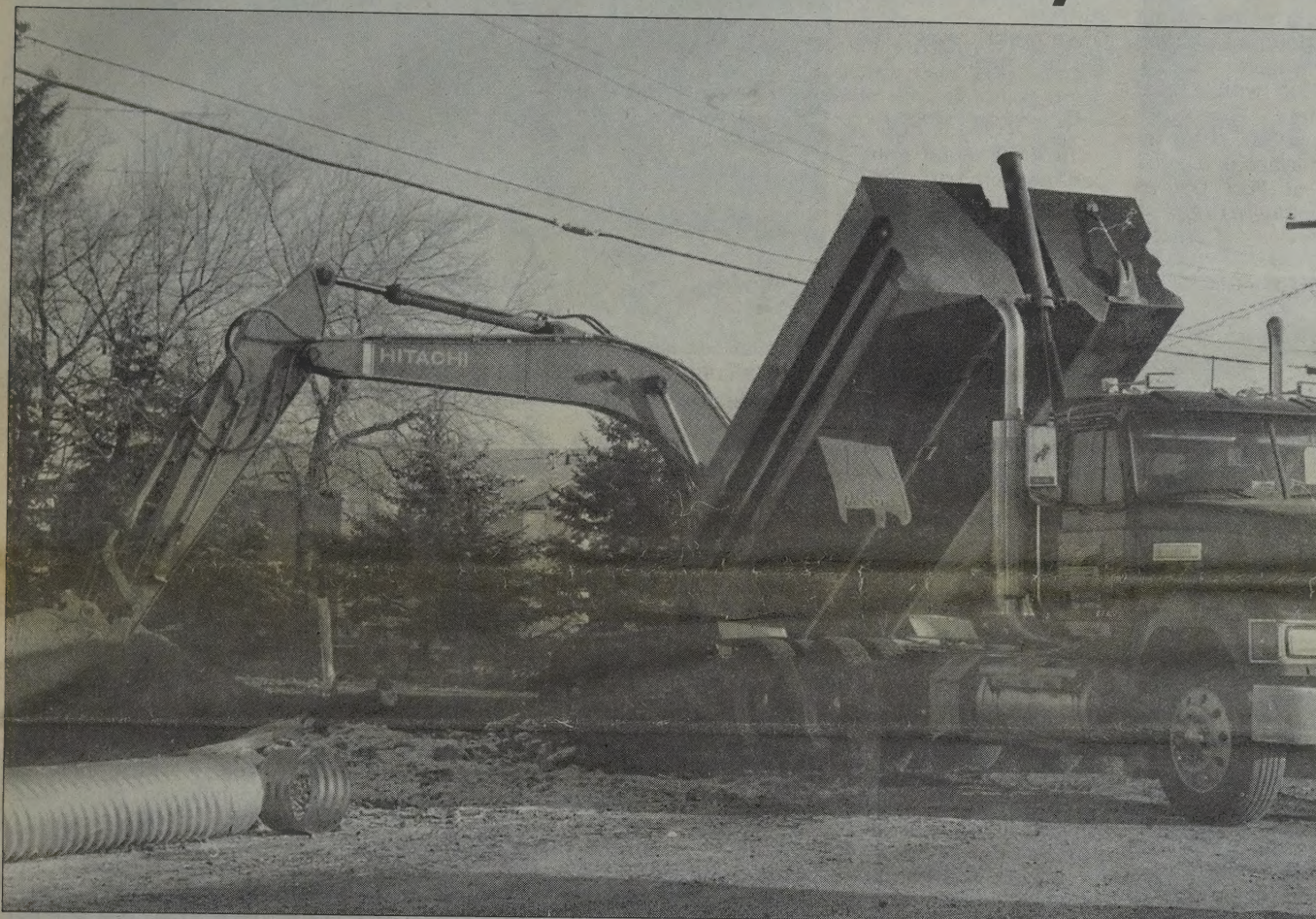
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Water main break a costly end for 2003



A "very expensive" water main break at the corner of 50th Ave. and 47 Street left much of Elk Point's industrial subdivision without water from before Christmas until December 30, and left a mammoth hole to be filled in New Year's Eve.

The hole in the Town's bank account could be even bigger, with Town manager Myron Goyan predicting the bill for the repair job could come close to \$20,000.

As a string of gravel trucks lined up to dump their loads on top of the repaired main, Goyan said a small leak had been detected earlier in the year, but only escalated into a major problem in late December.

A water main installed at the time the subdivision was created in the 1980s had worked loose from its connection with a valve at the intersection. He added that there are some "minor leaks further up the hill" but "those can be fixed later".

The excavation also proved to be a major obstacle to traffic in the subdivision, which is still waiting for funding to become available for major upgrading of its heavily utilized streets.

THE MONEY PIT - A costly water main break kept the Town of Elk Point's Public Works department busy on the final day of 2003.

■ Up Front

Looking back at more of 2003's headlines

This week, we'll look back at the news that made the headlines during the second half of 2003...

July

Canada Day celebrations saluted Elk Point's agricultural heritage, with former mayor and machinery dealer Mike Habiak honored as parade marshal, and five vintage tractors competing in the first-ever slow tractor race... Elk Point Public Library finally reopened after more than two months of closure due to flooding from a faulty plumbing fixture... A soggy weekend deterred neither the competitors nor the Graham Sisters Trick Riding Team from a great performance at Stoney Lake Stampede. Heinsburg's second annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering and the Powder and Horn celebration at Fort George and Buckingham House both went as scheduled despite the rain, although crowds were somewhat sparse.

Dewberry's Buddy Bensmiller won his third Calgary Stampede championship, a great comeback for the driver who was seriously injured in a highway accident during racing's off-season...

Elk Point White Sox won Provincial gold as a great conclusion to a week-

end of top-notch midget baseball at Bassett Field... Florence Demchuk, Jeannette Frisby and Del Smith headed off to Fort McMurray to com-

pete in the Alberta Senior Games. Stick horses were the mounts of choice for a fun rendezvous at the Forts for the younger set...



SPORTS STORY OF THE YEAR: Elk Point White Sox won Provincial gold medals.

A magnificent musical portrayal of the life of Louis Riel highlighted Potta Trail Days at Riel Beach campground... Age was no barrier to great rodeo action as competitors from across Canada and the USA took part in Elk Point's first-ever Senior Pro Rodeo...

Minister of Transportation Ed Stelmach toured Moosehills Road and met with Elk Point Town Council during a whirlwind tour of the area...

Luke the Lobster and storyteller Daryl Robb entertained the Summer Reading Program group at the Library...

Elk Point Community Choir headed off on their tour of Europe... The rescheduled Bailey Bros. Circus drew two enthusiastic crowds to wrap up the month.

August

A massive quilt show featuring 47 carefully crafted examples of the art highlighted the 2003 Elk Point Fair, with the Grand Aggregate win going out of town to Lillian Balazs of Cold Lake...

Elk Point Oilmen's Association hosted their 20th Annual Oilmen's Golf Tournament, with a number of

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community NEWS

Looking back at more of 2003's headlines

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former area residents returning for the event, including Allan Frankiw, Dan Povaschuk, Ian Huffman, Ted Yarmuch and Kevin Casper, who were presented with life memberships in the association. Robin Moroziuk won the tournament's Grand Championship flight...

Elk Point Mustangs stung their way to a Lakeland Ball League championship... The season roared to an end for both thoroughbred chuckwagon associations, with Brian Laboucane winning the Canadian Professional Chuckwagon Association champi-

onship and Jerry Bremner winning the World Professional title... Businesses barbecued to support livestock producers, including Elk Point Co-op, who held a hugely successful barbecue to assist members of the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club...

Heinsburg celebrated 75 years as a community with a lengthy parade, homecoming celebration and walking and wagon tours, topped off with a beef barbecue...

Almost 40 performers entertained a good crowd at Fort George and Buckingham House Interpretive Centre's Forts des Prairies

Jamboree...

F. G. Miller's Graduating Class of 2003 not only achieved the highest average marks in the school's history, they also had the most distinguished guest as a speaker at their commencement exercises, with Lieutenant Governor Lois Hole charming the class, their families and school staff with her address. Eva Gusnowski was the valedictorian...

September

Two Elk Point competitors were part of the action at the 25th annual Lakeland Rodeo Association Showdown, with barrel racer Wendy Young one of five 25-year members to receive a gold lifetime membership card and novice horse rider Jeremy Herard receiving the year-end runner-up award...

Retired teachers celebrated their freedom from the school bell with their annual breakfast...

The Chamber of Commerce got back to work after the summer break, and found themselves without a president after Glenn Harms resigned due to business commitments. Vice-president Jonny Nielsen later took over the chair for the balance of the term, which will continue to February as usual, after it was determined that the year-end and annual meeting could not readily be changed to a fall date. Good news came from



PARADING THE PAST - Roy Scott took Ken Tripp and a few lucky youngsters for a Red River cart ride in Heinsburg's 75th Anniversary parade (August).

the Tourist Information Centre, where visitor statistics were up 27% from the previous year...

Four generations took part in the Grandparents Day Walk-a-Thon, with great-grandmother Peggy Maas bringing in the most pledges and accompanied by 26 family members in the walk...

The walking speeded up the next week, as Heinsburg Community School students and staff ran in the rain for Terry Fox, and a small but determined group led by Brandi Farrell collected \$1060 in pledges for the Elk Point Terry Fox Run...

The North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance came to town with an open house which informed and entertained all ages...

The Community Advisory Policing Committee said a reluctant farewell to RCMP Sgt. Lyle Marianchuk as

he was transferred to Innisfail...

Elk Point Historical Society hosted Hospital Day, celebrating local health care history with displays and speakers and bringing back many memories for health care workers past and present...

A handsome Métis veterans' memorial statue created by Herman Poulin was unveiled in Fishing Lake...

High school students in Heinsburg and Elk Point received their awards from the 2002-2003 school year, with John Braga, Travis Lindquist and Darby Brooker the top students in Grades 11, 10 and 9 respectively, Tanya Orr winning the Bruce Smith Memorial award and Jason Porcina accepting the C. J. Petroleum award.

October

No panic and no pandemonium resulted from Elk Point's excellent disaster exercise,

which was part of an exercise involving the County and Town of St. Paul...

A major upgrading project got underway at Fort George and Buckingham House, with logs set in place to mark corners, bastions and gates on the original fort sites, and a major overhaul of the lawn at the Interpretive Centre which included installation of a stage and creation of a demonstration area...

New principal Lorne Young got plenty of exercise at Elk Point Elementary School, where the entire student body took a hike on International Walk to School Day, and the next week, took part in an Intramural Cross Country run, where Kameron Ballas was first across the line in seven minutes flat...

Deregulation of electricity was de-mystified for small businesses at a special presentation by Ken White of ATCO Electric to the Elk Point Chamber...

World Food Day was observed for the first time in Elk Point...

Sparky the Fire Dog and his friends from Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department and Elk Point Ambulance were

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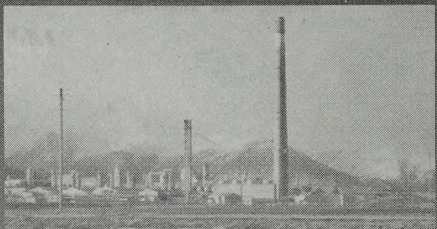
PRIDE OF THE PATCH - Paula Wirsta and grandson Travis Houle represented Elk Point well at the Smoky Lake Pumpkin Festival (October). Here, Travis' pumpkin is positioned on the scale while MC Sharon Mallon stands ready to announce its weight.



SO MANY MEMORIES - Former Elk Point Hospital employees Peggy Adomaitis, Peggy Maas and Amelia Bowen point out former co-workers in albums on display at Hospital Day (September).

WORKING FOR ALBERTANS

Question: What's new in this picture?



Answer: No flame

Since 1996, the flaring of solution gas into the air from energy facilities in Alberta has been reduced by 62%.

This reduction in flaring is due to the cooperation of the public, the Clean Air Strategic Alliance (CASA), industry, the government, and the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB).

If you have a question or a concern about oil and gas development in your community, contact your local EUB Field Centre and ask for EnerFAQs 6: Flaring. It is also available on the EUB Web Site at www.eub.gov.ab.ca/BBS/public/EnerFAQs/EnerFAQS6.htm

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PO Box 5169, Northlands Development Building,
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community **NEWS****Grade 12s gear up for new-style diploma exams**

We at F.G. Miller Jr./Sr. High School got back to work yesterday, after the conclusion of another busy holiday season.

Yesterday was a demanding day for most students, especially for the Sr. High students who will be writing finals for the first semester. For the Grade Twelve students the Diploma Examinations will begin on next Thursday, which is the 15th.

In a controversial move by the Alberta Government, Grade Twelve students will be writing their exams in two parts, which means the diploma exams start a week earlier than they ever have before. Many students and teachers from across the province are upset as this reduces the instructional and study time that students have in their courses.

Also for the first time in around a decade there will be multiple diploma exams on the same day, I have to write Part B of Pure Math 30 and Social 30 on the same day.



john
BRAGA
F.G. Miller High

However, Alberta Learning feels that the increase in time that students have to write the exams will benefit the students. This belief is based on the discovery they made last year when the Social essay was written separately from the multiple choice part and marks improved across the province; but what is beneficial in circumstance can not arbitrarily be applied across the board.

Despite recommendations and complaints against the change Alberta Learning still defends their belief that this move will benefit the students in Albertan schools.

My personal belief is two fold. Firstly, in all prudence, the government should have attempted this split with one additional course this year, in addition to Social and English, which both include an Essay part and a Reading part and are logically written separately, rather than all Grade Twelve courses at once. If they did that and found that the new program was a failure they could minimize the damage, while making the change all at once leaves enormous potential for problems to occur without providing a way to solve the issue.

Secondly, it is too late for a change to be made now, so students must study hard and focus to achieve high marks despite the scheduling prob-

lems that they are facing.

We are lab-rats and we cannot change it, however the insight that we can gain from this situation will benefit the future students of Alberta, our younger siblings and friends. We must face reality of the current situation, strive our hardest, and contribute our opinion to the procedure so that such a blunder will not occur again. What we say counts, so take the time to think and then let people know how you feel about the situation.

In other news, the French Club will be holding a bottle drive on the 10th to help in raising the money for their exchange trip. They will be collecting bottles before the day, but anyone who wishes to drop bottles of at 11:00 at the bottle depot can choose to donate their bottles to the French Club. Their next meeting will be held on January 14th, which is next Wednesday.

Major improvements in 2003: Fort George and Buckingham House

Get ready to take the 2004 challenge!

By Ross Stromberg

Fort George and Buckingham House

The new grass seeds are safely buried under the snow and the displays are packed up for winter at Fort George and Buckingham House. We had an excellent summer, ending with a flurry of activity. Job Corps from Lac La Biche, along with staff from Alberta Community Development, installed new sections of posts to define the gates, corners and stockades at the fort

sites. Visitors can now easily visualize the palisades and what the forts were like in the 1790's.

At the same time, contractors were moving trees and digging up the area in front of the Interpretive Centre to build a permanent stage and for landscaping. The leveled and terraced area will expand the opportunities for activities with school groups and significantly improve the setting for our August Jamboree. It looks great!

Neither of these improvements would

have been possible without considerable fundraising efforts on the part of the Friends of the Forts. Fort George and Buckingham House also would like to thank CFEP, Job Corps and local businesses that donated to the projects for their assistance.

Planning is currently moving along for the 2004 season. Keep your eyes open for information on our new Family Fur Factor Challenge, taking place on June 27 with the finals in Elk Point on July 1. This event mixes history with the

challenge of modern reality TV. Get a team together, practice your fur trade era skills and be ready for a challenge of historic proportions. Stay warm and we hope see you again next summer!

CRIME STOPPERS

On January 5, 2004 Elk Point RCMP received a counterfeit \$10 Canadian banknote that was used at the Frog Lake Food and Fuel before Christmas. Another \$10 bill with the same serial number was used in Barrhead, Alberta just before the New Year.

RCMP are urging businesses and everyone else to be aware of possible counterfeit notes. If any businesses are interested in obtaining reference cards and pamphlets issued by the Bank of Canada to assist in the identification of counterfeit bills, they can be picked up at the Elk Point Detachment.

Anyone with any information regarding this or any other crime

is asked to contact the Elk Point RCMP at (780) 724-3964 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2000 for information leading to

the arrest of the person(s) responsible for this or any other crime. You do not have to reveal your identity and if your tip leads to an arrest, you may qualify for an award.

THANK YOU

Fort George and Buckingham House Provincial Historic Site

would like to thank the Friends of the Forts, CFEP, Alberta Job Corps (Lac La Biche and Calling Lake), Elk Point Sand and Gravel, and Dan Martin Landscaping

who together made the palisade marking and landscaping projects possible. Both of these projects significantly enhance our visitor experience!



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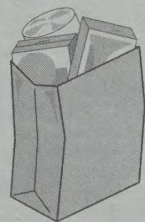
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■ Looking Forward

Agriculture Minister's wish list for 2004

By Shirley McClellan

Deputy Premier and Minister

In the spirit of the holiday season, I thought I would share with you my wish list for 2004.

There are some things that I don't wish for, because I already have them. I have a supportive premier and colleagues who understand how important rural Alberta and agriculture are to our province.

I'm lucky to have a province that's fiscally responsible and had the foresight to set up a Sustainability Fund that allowed us to dedicate more than \$400 million towards helping our industry this year. That's more than any other province in Canada and more than the federal government dedicated to the entire country.

I don't need to wish for a strong rural Alberta that is willing to work together with government to find solutions for the challenges we face or extremely supportive Albertans who support our producers, whether they face the worst drought or the worst crisis to hit our cattle industry in recorded history.

And I'm always thankful for my family, who are incredibly supportive.

However, there's always room for improvement and I have a pretty extensive wish list for 2004.

I'd like-as would many producers across the province-to have a pasture program that works. That was on my list last year, and obviously I must not have been a good girl, because I didn't get one.

I sincerely wish for a U.S. border that is open to live cattle and I'll continue to work with the federal government and our industry to make that happen.

I wish we had a Canadian Wheat Board that listens. Again, this was on my list last year perhaps some progress will be made this year.

Like all farmers, I'm wishing for some good weather. The only two things you can't control in farming are the weather and the wheat board. You can mitigate the first, and producers have shown us they can do that. The second one-well, we'll be working on it.

Another item on my wish list is a rural development strategy that works for rural Alberta and rural Albertans. I know this is more than a distinct possibility because early in the New Year we will announce recommendations from the MLA committee on rural development, which will help our government focus its lens on rural Alberta.

Always on my wish list-and I've been with government 16 years-is more productive federal-provincial relationships. As you know we work closely with our industry but sometimes the federal government just doesn't seem to recognize the way our industry works in western Canada.

Final wish...that you and I both have time to spend with those who mean the most to us. Best wishes for 2004.

Predictions: better and better

Each year at this time, we endeavor to look into the future's cloudy crystal ball, and make predictions which may or may not come true.

Last year, we predicted "onward and upward" and said that anything can happen if you wait long enough. Sure enough, this happened in at least three cases - the White Sox won Provincials, the Arena Operating Committee paid off their mortgage and the west end of Moosehills Road is now as smooth and pleasant to travel as the east end. The Oilmen did, in fact, make us sit up and take notice with their 20th annual events, the Trade Fair and Ag Fair were a success, and the STARS tournament came within \$1000 our predicted \$20,000 target.

Where to go from here? Upward, of course.

We can see more local teams making successful trips to Provincials, Canada Day celebrations stretching out to cover the best part of a week, and Extravaganza expanded to better fulfill the needs of retailers and to increase the time available for increased activities.

We can see more cooperation between local groups as they find that working together is far more productive than competing against one another for crowds and volunteers, and we can see new people joining the volunteer sector to help get things done.

We can see growth, progress and increased prosperity - provided we all work together.

Heritage Lodge has a busy December

By Sid Holthe

Heritage Lodge Resident

The 31st denotes both the end of the month and the final day of 2003, therefore it is fitting that I state appreciation for visitations by the churches and similar groups, and performances by entertainers.

Four pastors, from the Baptist, Calvary Family Fellowship, Community and United, Churches and members of choirs or congregations, come several times each month to minister to us with messages and with hymns, and the Calvary Family Fellowship, in addition, shared two special Christmas services with us. The talents of pianists, choirs, and flautist, are very much appreciated. As well, the Dewberry Mennonite Youth Choir favors us once each month with hymns, all sung 'a cappella'. A member from the Baptist Church, Margaret Modin, comes once

a week to lead Bible study.

The Baptist Youth come each Christmas season to challenge the residents to cribbage, Chinese checkers, and other such sociable games. As well, there were so many bright, angelic carolers, including the local Girl Guides, Baptist Awana, Sisters of Charity and youth from St. Paul, and the Bellis Christian Homeschool students. All of the members of these groups displayed such enthusiasm and energy, and we appreciated the portrayals of the Christmas story.

Visiting adult entertainers included John and Gloria Lukinuk with Walter Ogradiuk of Bonnyville, Babe Sharkey with Grace Meger of Heinsburg and Jeff Ryder now of Elk Point, and regular Gabe Bayduza; and Andrew Pearson with John Bennett, and Orest Drobot and friends, come when convenient. Gabe was accompanied on one occasion by a guitarist/vocalist but I do not

have his name. Sorry.

A Christmas banquet was hosted in a semi-potluck style for more than 100, including residents; entertainment featured John and Gloria Lukinuk.

It is noteworthy that several persons have come from a St. Paul agency to this Lodge in Elk Point to speak with, and to, residents here. This is an example of thoughtfulness by this neighboring community. Obviously, it illustrates the absence of any social agency in Elk Point that could provide such consideration.

A similar deficiency is apparent in procedures for arranging entertainment in this Lodge. I trust that there may be numerous other local or nearby musicians/vocalists who would be willing to share their talents with us occasionally. We appreciate everyone who comes, but would like more.

Readers should be aware that all comments are my own.

Best wishes in 2004

The other day as I was going through my books, I found a book by Doris Daley called "No Bum Steer". Doris is a cowboy poetry writer from southern Alberta (in fact, she is from a small town close to my small town where I grew up) and a few years ago I happened to be at a conference where she was a guest speaker, so of course I picked up her book and had her autograph it for me. Anyway, there is one poem which I thought we all needed to start the year:

"Bless These Hands"

There's a special pair of hands assigned to do each task
And to do a job the best we know is about as good as we can ask.

Oh, you can try to do it all, but your world will start to drift,
So the good Lord struck a plan and gave each one a special gift.

So God bless the hands that are scarred and brown and rough,
But hands that reach to help you when the trail is looking tough.

Bless the old and gnarled hands, no longer strong or stout,
But hands that still can teach you what a handshake's all about.

Bless the hands of buckaroos, young and full of pride,
That teach us when we get bucked off, to get back on and ride.

Bless hands that make the saddles and hands that feed the hay,
Hands that speak to horses in a mystic, magic way.



deanna
EASTHOPE

from the FCSS desk

Hands that till the land, fix the fence, catch the bids,
Cookie's hands that punch the dough and slam the bean pot lids.

Bless hands that tell the story of a lifetime chasing steers,

But hands that aren't to big to gently wipe a child's tears.

Hands that reach across for yours to say the table grace,
Calloused hands so tender when they caress a sweetheart's face.

Bless her soft and gentle hands that wear your ring with pride,
And show their share of scars and scrapes from working at your side.

Bless artists' hands and sculptors' hands and guitar pickers too,
They're only trying to tell the story in a way that honours you.

And if you're feeling generous, Lord, and if you've got the time,
Even bless the hands of those who write and try to make a rhyme.

Lord, you give each hand a gift, and with your grace we'll stand the test,
Bless each one - we need each one - to build this place we call the west.

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community **NEWS****Being prepared is the key to safe winter road travel**

We're deep into winter's icy grasp, which makes every journey out of your driveway a challenge. Here are some tips from the Alberta Motor Association to help ensure your safety every time you venture out.

1. Make sure you have a fully stocked emergency kit in your vehicle. You should replace snacks and any other perishables and check to make sure important supplies haven't been pilfered by other family members.

You can put together your own emergency kit or purchase a basic winter emergency kit. If you spend time in the mountains or in more remote areas, you may want to add some additional supplies to the basic kit.

Adding weight to the trunk or pickup box of rear wheel drive vehicles assists with trac-

tion for winter or slippery driving conditions, but ensure that you secure it properly so it doesn't become a projectile if there is a collision. Adding weight in this manner is recommended for unloaded pickup trucks, including four-wheel drive models.

If you have a front wheel drive vehicle, you don't need to put a sand bag or other weight in the trunk to assist with traction, but dry sand can still come in handy. If you get stuck in the snow, sand can be spread in front of a tire that can't get a grip on an icy or snowy surface or provide traction.

2. A fully charged cell phone can help you call for help, but remember there are areas of Alberta where there is no cell service so always be prepared to spend a winter night in your vehicle.

3. Keep basic winter supplies easily accessible in your trunk - a snow brush, an ice scraper and an extension cord for your block heater are the bare basics. Office workers should keep warm winter clothes in their trunk as well to ensure they will be adequately protected from the elements in case of a

mishap. Warm boots, gloves, a coat and hat can help you keep warm and protected.

4. Engine oil: If you are unable to plug in your block heater for three to four hours before starting your vehicle - at home or at work - consider changing to a synthetic oil

that will allow your engine to turn over more easily in the cold. But be aware that synthetic engine oil is not recommended for vehicles with more than 250,000 km.

5. Check your vehicle's battery and charging system. The average battery last between

three and five years. If your battery has surpassed that lifespan, it is a good idea to have it checked before you head out on winter roads. And while a battery can be in good shape, you'll want to make sure the charging system is working as well. Winter is not a time to find out that your alternator is not functioning properly. You can have this done at a garage or do it yourself using an inexpensive voltmeter that plugs into a cigarette lighter. During normal operations, the voltage should be between 13.5 and 14.5 volts.

6. Remember to continue to check your tire pressure on a monthly basis. Contrary to what some may think, you should not reduce tire pressure in the winter - it will damage your tires and cause them to overheat. Remember that in the cold you will lose some tire pressure so be sure to check it when the temperature drops and add air if needed.

7. Check to see if your timing belt is due for a change. Many of today's vehicles have a rubber timing belt that connects the crankshaft to the camshaft and most engines require the belt to be replaced about every 100,000 km. If you don't replace old belts the belt will break, which almost always results in severe engine

damage. There is no way to check the timing belt for wear but most manufacturers recommend replacing it at regular intervals so you won't find yourself stranded.

When you do replace the belt, make sure you record it in your vehicle's logbook so you know when it is due for replacement again.

OBITUARY**EVTUSHEVSKI, John**

On January 3, 2004, Mr. John Evtushevski of Elk Point passed away at the age of 73 years.

He is survived by his loving wife, Neta; 2 daughters, Jane (Randy) Lowe of Elk Point & Margaret (Marc) Marcoux of St. Paul; 3 granddaughters & 2 grandsons; 1 brother & 4 sisters, Alex of Fort McMurray, Tillie Eliuk of Buck Lake, Ann (Steve) Lobay of Edmonton, Leda Kapicki of Gibbons & Vicki (Walter) Litwinski of St. Paul; 2 sisters-in-law, Rose Shesky of Athabasca & Shirley (Louis) Makowecki of Edmonton; numerous nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Konstantine in 1973; mother, Eugenia in 2001; 3 brothers, Victor, Chester, & George; 2 brothers-in-law, Metro Eliuk & Andrew Kapicki; 1 sister-in-law, Jeanette Evtushevski.

Funeral Service Thursday, January 8 at 11:00 a.m. at the Elk Point United Church, Elk Point. Reverend Jope Langejans will be officiating with interment in Elk Point West Cemetery, Elk Point. If desired, donations may be made to the Elk Point Palliative Care, c/o Box 425, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0.

Yewchin's Funeral Chapel Ltd., St. Paul, 1-780-645-5177.

**Your Winter Roadside
Emergency Kit
should contain:**

- Collapsible shovel to clear snow
- Sand, salt or kitty litter for traction
- Traction mats
- Tow chain or rope
- Compass (Learn how to use it)
- Cloths or paper towels
- Warning beacon or flares
- Warm clothing and footwear
- High calorie snacks (nuts, chocolate)
- Axe or hatchet
- Booster cables
- Ice scraper or brush
- Candles and matches
- Deep, empty metal can for candle
- Fire extinguisher
- Fuel line and windshield de-icer
- Road maps (keep in glove box)
- Flashlight (keep in glove box)
- First aid kit
- Survival blanket

If you are stranded along the road, put on your extra warm clothing, eat and drink any food or water you brought with you, crack your window slightly, and use the candle in the tin to keep you warm. Run your vehicle for only a few minutes occasionally to conserve fuel.

*Here's an easy-to-keep
New Year's Resolution for all ages:
Use your local public library more in 2004!*

**CRIME STOPPERS Seniors' car
damaged**

Sometime on the night of December 23, 2003, unknown person(s) entered the yard of an elderly couple on Frog Lake in a vehicle. While there, the unknown vehicle struck the couple's car. There was damage to the rear of the couple's vehicle. The suspect vehicle

drove off without notifying the couple of the damage. The damage was not discovered until the next morning.

Anyone with any information regarding this incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or the Elk Point RCMP Detachment at (780)

724-3964.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2000 for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for this or any other crime. You do not have to reveal your identity and if your tip leads to an arrest you qualify for an award.

CHURCH SERVICES**Elk Point Baptist Church**

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Al-Anon Family Group Meeting, Room 605, Elk Point Municipal Hospital, Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

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"New To Town" FCSS would like to welcome and familiarize new families with the services and programs available in town. Welcome packages contain a community directory, volunteer directory, coupons, maps and more! Call 724-3800 for more information or drop by 4902 - 51 Street.

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The Elk Point Health Centre Auxiliary meets every fourth Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Elk Point Health Centre meeting room. Everyone welcome!

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Enough turkey, already - let's get back to hockey!

Not a lot of action since Christmas, but two teams did try to skate off a bit of the turkey.

The **Peewee Avalanche** played a very good close game in Mannville on this past Saturday, the Avalanche losing 4 to 3, Kameron "Boom Boom" Ballas, John "Hammer" Schmit and Dylan "In your face" Loughran all scoring for the Avalanche, "Bronco Billy" Hudy between the pipes with some terrific saves and a good job by defenseman Jordyn "Tiger" Wozniak blocking some shots, helping out his goalie "Bronco Billy". This coming weekend the Avalanche are in Saddle Lake.

The **Midget Girls Storm** braved the elements and headed out on a very cold Friday night, losing to Vermilion 4 to 0. Goaltender Amber Axley made some mighty fine saves in this one. Another positive is the girls are still in the tier 1 and although they don't see it, others do, they have been improving all year.

Born on this day, January the 6th, Midget Girls Storm player, 15-year-

old Catherine "the great" Campbell, who took a two-minute penalty in Friday night's game for body checking her opponent. Maybe she should be



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playing with the boys? On second thought, maybe not, she just might hurt a few of them!

Also born on this day, her coach, a former coach of the year, and a long time coach of the girls hockey team, George Hahn, we're not saying how old he is, but he is rumored to be 30 years older than Katie.

Both of them are few years younger than myself, who turned the big 5-0 on New Year's Day, and I just wanted to thank everyone who called, stopped by the party, the cards, lottery tickets, money and presents (mostly Maple Leaf paraphernalia). It really wasn't necessary, just having so many good friends is a present in itself, but I will always remember

you, just in case one of those lottery tickets does pay off. Thanks, everyone.

Honestly, I don't feel a day over 40. Well, except on New Year's day of course! Do you realize that I was only 13 the last time the Leafs won the cup? Bummer!

Check this out. Coming up this week, the Thunder takes on Hughenden on Friday night at the Dome. The Thunder tournament that was scheduled for this coming weekend has been postponed until a later date, but a very busy January is coming up, the Hockey Alberta Zone 2 Novice Jamboree on January 17th and 18th. The other two January weekends will see the Atoms and the Peewee home tournaments.

Volunteers needed for Family Fun Day

Early in February it's the Midget Girls Storm tournament, followed by the Family Fun Day and Skate-a-Thon. Volunteers are still needed to make this day happen. Contact Lana

MacDonald if you can help out in any way. Get your pledge sheets today and challenge your friends.

Coming up in March, on the 27th. The Elk Point Minor Hockey windup banquet will be held, along with the Gretzky jersey draw. Get your tickets, if you haven't already done so, the proceeds are going to the operation on the A.G. Ross Arena. This jersey plus the early bird draw, two tickets to the Oilers vs. Gretzky's Coyotes, were donated by Cal's Home Hardware, so remember to shop at Home.

And now for the K. A. Campbell's quote of the week. "Sometimes you think those guys must have come out of the chimp cages at the Bronx Zoo." Last week's answer to: "He's so skinny, he could fit in a McDonald's straw." - Writer on the young Gretzky.

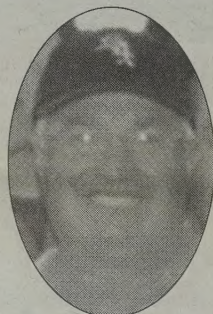
Got any scoops? Now you can Email it to me at sportshound007@hotmail.com.

Merry Ukrainian Christmas and a Ukrainian Happy New Year to everyone from the Hound Dog.

This was last year's gold...



Belated Birthday wishes from the Review Crew



And here's this year's! Welcome to the "golden years", Sportshound!

Looking back at 2003

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special guests at Elk Point Elementary, with their presentation on fire prevention and coping with emergencies...

November

Elk Point 4-H Multi Club started off the month and another project year as they weighed in 23 animals to kick off 4-H Week...

Both F. G. Miller High School and Elk Point Elementary held special ceremonies honoring those fallen in wars during the week leading up to Remembrance Day. Students at both schools also were busy playing Santa as they filled over 200 shoeboxes with gifts for Operation Christmas Child...

The community gathered at the Cenotaph and later at the Seniors Recreation Centre on November 11 to pay

tribute on Remembrance Day...

The Chamber planned an early start to their 2004 membership campaign, and was busy revamping their outdated bylaws. They welcomed two new businesses, Golden Loaf Bakery and Roadside Pizza and Grill, to the community...

The 17th Annual Christmas Extravaganza was a tremendous success, with generous donors helping to provide a spectacular fireworks display to cap off the evening which included a fantastic parade of lighted floats, wagon rides, visits with Santa, stage entertainment and shopping...

A. G. Ross Arena's Operating Committee was the happiest group in town as they made the final payment on their once-massive mortgage, paying off the \$275,000 debt with 11 years of non-stop fundraising...

Elk Point Pioneer Circle's board members were honored as the seniors held their annual Christmas Party.

December

The month just past was the usual whirl of activity, but among the

festive concerts and dinners, the end of a long, hard road was celebrated with the long-awaited official opening of an upgraded Moosehills Road...

Elk Point Chamber went to bat for local oil-field contractors, and took part in a special meeting aimed at better communication between the Chamber, the Town and major oil producers...

Elk Point Novice Hurricanes hosted the first hockey tournament of the season, and showed off brand new sweaters...

Firefighters and a number of other caring individuals had warm hearts and chilly heads after they gave up their hair to earn pledges of financial aid for a five-year-old girl stricken with leukemia...

Elk Point's revamped land use bylaw passed without opposition, and grants to help host provincial sport tournaments and to aid cash-strapped organizations were figured into the 2004 budget.

Watch for another 12 months of good news, coming up in 2004!

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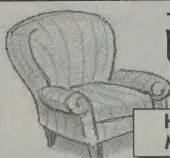
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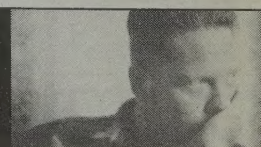
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